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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated November 13, 2006. Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 11, 13 to 19 and 21 to 24 are in the application, of which Claims 1, 9 and 17 are independent. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

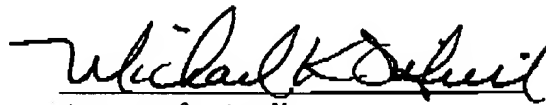
Applicants thank the Examiner for his indication that Claims 1 to 3, 5 to 11, 13 to 19 and 21 to 24 have been allowed.

Claims 25 to 27 and 29 to 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as allegedly reciting non-statutory subject matter. Without conceding the correctness of this rejection, Claims 25 to 27 and 29 to 32 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, in an effort to advance this case toward issuance more quickly. Accordingly, this should be viewed as a traversal of the rejection.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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